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In re Application of:
Paul Tubel, et al.

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For: Methods And Apparatus For
Monitoring And Controlling Oil
And Gas Production Wells From
A Remote Location

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SECOND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 19, 2003

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 19, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month set to expire on August 9, 2003 [under MPEP 706.07(f)(D)], please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0003/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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